

**Amendments to the claims:**

1. (currently amended) A cutting head (1) for an electric hair cutting machine (4), comprising:

one lower shearing blade (2) and one upper shearing blade (3) fixedly joined to one another, wherein each of said lower shearing blade and said upper shearing blade includes a shearing serration;

a slit disposed between said lower shearing blade (2) and said upper shearing blade (3);

a cutting blade (5) comprising cutting teeth (6) and made from a flat material (7) and configured to drive in oscillation in an oscillating direction, wherein said slit is configured to form a guide that receives ~~for receiving~~ the cutting blade (5), wherein the cutting blade (5) is configured to oscillate between the lower and upper shearing blades (2, 3), wherein said ~~cutting blade (5) has a~~ cutting teeth correspond ~~serration on one end that corresponds~~ to said shearing serrations on said lower shearing blade and said upper shearing blade, wherein the cutting blade (5) is flat and has a thickness (S) of approximately 0.1 to 1.0 mm; and

a hair length cut adjuster (9) configured such that the lower shearing blade (2) and the upper shearing blade (3) are adjustable relative to the cutting blade (5), whereby the lower shearing blade (2) and the upper shearing blade (3) are adapted to move relative to the cutting blade (5) in a direction that is perpendicular to the oscillating direction.

2. (previously presented) The cutting head as defined by claim 1, wherein the flat material (7) is a hard metal sheet (7.1).

3. (canceled)

4. (previously presented) The cutting head as defined by claim 1, wherein the cutting blade (5) is provided with a parallel guide (36).

5. (canceled)

6. (canceled)

7. (previously presented) The cutting head as defined by claim 1, wherein a lubricant reservoir (8) is associated with the cutting head (1).

8. (previously presented) The cutting head as defined by claim 1, wherein the hair cutting machine (4) is operated with a battery or with a rechargeable battery (16).

9. (previously presented) The cutting head as defined by claim 1, wherein the cutting head (5) is in the form of a structural unit (34).

10. (previously presented) The cutting head as defined by claim 9, wherein the cutting head (5) is configured to be lockable to the hair cutting machine (4).

11. (previously presented) The cutting head as defined by claim 1, wherein the cutting blade (5) is configured to be driven to oscillate by a drive motor (11) via a slaving device (12).

12. (currently amended) The cutting head as defined by claim 1, wherein the cutting blade (5) is driven without ~~contact-pressure force~~ a pressure perpendicular to a plane of the blade when the blade is moved.